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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
Hongkong, 17th November, 1894.

## BIRTH.

On the 2nd instant, at Brockhurst, The Peak,  
the wife of HENRY H. JOSEPH, prematurely,  
of a daughter.

## DEATH.

On the 3rd instant, MARY ELEANOR, the infant  
daughter of Henry Hope and Helen Christina  
Joseph.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH  
HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1894.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE JAPANESE NAVY.

LONDON, December 2nd.  
The Japanese Government has purchased the  
Chilian cruiser *Esmeralda*.

## JAPAN AND ITALY.

A Commercial Treaty has been signed by  
Japan and Italy.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN RUSSIA.  
The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York  
have left St. Petersburg, after having been  
accorded the warmest of farewells by the Czar  
and his departure.

## SUBLIME ROT-GUT.

The *Figaro* eulogizes the Prince of Wales for  
the warm sympathy he has shown to Russia  
on the death of the late Czar, and whilst  
considering that his visit to St. Petersburg  
has largely helped to restore cordial relations  
between Great Britain and Russia, urges the  
formation of a new triple alliance.

(Special to *St. James Observer*).

## FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

Terrible floods have been reported from  
various parts of the country during the past  
few days. In the north, the River Tyne has  
flooded, and in the south, the River Sever  
has overflowed its banks. In the west, the  
River Exe has also flooded, and in the south-  
west, the River Tamar has overflowed its  
banks. The floods have caused much damage  
to property, and many people have been  
displaced from their homes.

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property, but no loss of life has yet been  
reported.

## A YOUTHFUL INCENDIARY.

The son of Sir James Ferguson, who is a  
student at Glenalmond College in Perthshire,  
has been arrested on a charge of setting fire to  
the building.

## A MARVELLOUS TORPEDO.

A Sydney inventor has made a sub-marine  
torpedo which will sink to any depth. It will  
travel as quickly underneath the water as on the  
surface, and that without revealing its presence.  
It could remain under water for three days,  
worked by electric power. A number of experi-  
ments have been made with the new torpedo in  
the Sydney harbor, and have proved successful.  
The invention is calculated to revolutionize  
naval warfare.

## THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

YOKOHAMA, November 18th.  
A treaty similar to that with Great Britain has  
been concluded between the United States and  
Japan.

## EARTHQUAKES IN ITALY.

ROME, November 19th.  
Severe shocks of earthquake have been expe-  
rienced in Sicily and Southern Italy. They have  
caused an immense amount of damage and  
human alarm. The people are all terror-stricken,  
and are camping out in the open fields or taking  
refuge on board the ships.

The town of Seminara has been nearly  
destroyed, and thirteen persons killed and fifty  
injured. Palmi is completely wrecked.

## THE FIGHTING IN LOMBOK.

LA HAGUE, November 19th.  
The Dutch have attacked and taken the  
Batavia stronghold at Tjankangara. The  
enemy offered a stubborn resistance. The Dutch  
loss was 29 killed and 112 wounded.

## THE CZAR'S FUNERAL.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 20th.  
The funeral of the late Czar took place yester-  
day. All places of business in St. Petersburg  
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## A TORY VICTORY.

LONDON, November 20th.  
Mr. C. M. Ramsey, the Conservative candi-  
date, has been elected for Fortnashire by a  
majority of 286 votes over Mr. Henry Robson,  
the Gladstonian candidate. In place of Sir John  
Rigby, promoted to the Bench.

THE BUFFER STATE COMMISSION.  
RANGOON, November 20th.  
The Commission to examine as to the limits  
of an intermediary zone to be constituted in the  
region of the Upper Mekong will assemble at  
Monghsin on the first of January. All the  
British members and their escort, under Captain  
Caulfield, have started for the frontier.

## THE HON. G. CURZON.

SIMLA, November 21st.  
Mr. George Curzon is expected to reach Kabul  
to-day.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 21st.  
A most gracious reply has been forwarded  
by the Emperor Nicholas to the message of  
sympathy with the Imperial family received from  
Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

SIMLA, November 21st.  
There is no further news from the Gipsi  
Expedition, such as is believed that future fighting  
will be unlikely. So far as can be judged, Col-  
onel Turner's full force, some 2,500 men, were attacked  
by 1,000 of the enemy. The following officers  
will probably replace the casualties at Wano:  
Two officers of the 1st Gurkha from Dharmaniala  
and Captain Fulton of the same Regiment now on  
his way out from home. Captain Powell of the  
2nd Battalion now *locum tenens* for Captain  
Fulton will stand. Surgeon-Captain Birchwood,  
15th Bengal Lancers. Nowhere, succeeds  
Surgeon-Major Halse, wounded, and a Royal  
Engineer Officer will go up, *vice* Lieutenant  
Macaulay, R.E., killed. Lieutenant Ford, of  
the 31st Punjab Infantry from Peshawar, is also  
ordered up.

Lieutenants Angelo and Herbert are reported  
to be dangerously wounded. The other officers  
all severely. The enemy kept up the work of  
cannon, rushed the pickets and made a good  
charge on the left flank and rear. Friend and  
foe were unrecognizable in the darkness. Our  
men were all sitting in readiness in their tents,  
and the Gurkhas' gallantry and steadiness are  
highly praised. The enemy were apparently all  
killed.

LONDON, November 21st.  
The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs entertained His  
Majesty's Ministers and a large and distinguished  
company at dinner at the Guildhall to-night.  
Replying to the toast of Her Majesty's Ministers,  
Lord Rosebery referred in hopeful terms to home-  
politics. Turning to foreign affairs, he said that  
at present the sky was not entirely clear, but  
that the war in the East, but the business  
was not falling. Great Britain on her part was  
ready to join any pacific efforts of the Great  
Powers towards the restoration of peace in the  
disputed quarter. England stood hand-in-hand  
with Russia, and the relations  
existing between Great Britain and Russia were  
never so cordial as at present. The negotiations  
between Great Britain and France regarding the  
alliance of the two Powers during the  
Chinese war, and he said that he desired that  
England and France should always be ready to  
shoulder—not in war, but in peace.

The three dangers to the maintenance of peace  
were, the Premier said, the enormous increase of  
Continental power; the increasing power of  
Russia; and the increasing power of Germany.  
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death of the Emperor Alexander. He trusted  
his successor would be equal to the awful  
responsibilities of ruling the vast empire  
bequeathed to him. Alluding to the relations  
existing, Lord Rosebery said in conclusion that  
he rejoiced at the Colonial expansion of the  
other Powers, as it conduced to peace by  
extending commerce.

## ST. PETERSBURG, November 19th.

The funeral train conveying the body of the  
Emperor Alexander reached Moscow at 10  
o'clock this morning. It was escorted through-  
out the journey by the Emperor Nicholas and  
several of the Imperial Royal personages. The  
body was received at the station by the  
Clergy, the Grand Dukes of Russia, and by  
the Generals and high civil officials. The  
Clergy recited the prayers of the Church, and  
the coffin was placed on the hearse, which  
started off for the Cathedral at the Kremlin  
amid muffled peals of bells. The numerous  
churches and chapels and the Moscow streets  
along the route were literally draped with  
black. The mourning arches are ornamented  
with shields, escutcheons, trophies, and flags,  
and the procession slowly winding its way  
presented a spectacle of unique solemnity.  
After two hours' marching the procession  
reached the Cathedral, and the coffin was  
removed from the hearse and placed in the  
centre of a *chapel ardente*, where the body  
now lies in state.

LONDON, November 19th.  
The *Times* publishes an article on the present  
state of the war in the Far East in which it  
points out that the utter collapse of China raises  
a serious political problem, for Japan must  
not suppose that the advantages she has gained  
China on Hainan and her expansion in Manchuria  
will be sufficient to satisfy her. The *Standard* publishes a telegram  
from Moscow stating that the Anglo-Russian  
modus vivendi for a settlement of the  
Pamir's question is based upon a recognition by  
Russia of the Marhalles Akow as the limit of the  
British sphere of action. Great Britain recognizes  
Panjab Sahar as limit of the Russian sphere.  
The Afghans withdraw to Shighnan Rohshan, while  
the Russians will retire to Herat.

NEW YORK, November 19th.  
A large fire occurred at New Orleans involv-  
ing the destruction of twenty-eight thousand  
bales of cotton, a considerable quantity of which  
was consigned to Liverpool; the conflagration  
was caused by incendiaries.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT has appointed to  
the British Ministry at Peking for the entire  
year in the East. It is not believed that the  
Powers will not take any step towards interven-  
tion pending the result of the offer made by the  
United States to mediate between China and  
Japan.

NEW YORK, November 19th.  
It is stated that the main feature of President  
Cleveland's Message at the opening of Congress  
next December will be a plan of Currency  
Reform.

PARIS, November 19th.  
The credit voted by the Chamber on account  
of Madagascar, provided for the cost of the con-  
struction of the cable from Mozambique to  
Madagascar. The force comprising the Expedition  
will include seven batteries of artillery and two  
squadrons of cavalry.

BOMBAY, November 19th.  
Lieutenant G. H. Hancock, 20th Bombay  
Pioneers, son of Colonel Hancock, who  
died at the battle of Rangoon, was accidentally shot dead  
at Wazirpur Range this morning while at revolver  
practice.

NEW YORK, November 19th.  
A later telegram from Kiroos says that Lieut.  
Hancock was found dead in his quarters shortly  
after one o'clock yesterday with a revolver lying  
near him and a bullet wound in the head. He  
was on parade as usual in the morning and had  
written some letters and at one o'clock went round  
the stables to look at the horses. He then went to  
his room where he was alone. It is believed he  
was either cleaning or examining his revolver  
without knowing it was loaded when it suddenly  
went off and the bullet passed through his head.

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR of Hongkong, who  
on visit to Khamtiang, returned on Monday  
after a review of 12,500 Nepalese troops, divided  
into 23 infantry battalions and 7 batteries. The  
troops, marched and looked well, while the  
Maharajah stated that they would always be at  
the service of the British Government whenever  
required.

LONDON, November 19th.  
Lord Rosebery, speaking at a public meeting  
held at the House of Commons on the evening  
of the 18th, said that the Government were  
prepared to do their best to fill the pledges  
given to the country in 1891. The Government  
intended to introduce the Liquor Veto Bill, and  
the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales  
would be a similar measure. He said that the  
Government were determined to carry out the  
policy of the House of Lords. The Premier  
declared he would never support any form of  
Government by a single chamber, but at the  
same time was opposed to any restriction and  
any second chamber.

According to despatches received from the  
Japanese Government, the Japanese fleet  
which was reported to have been defeated at  
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It is reported from Rangoon that a gold mining  
company has been successfully formed in  
England with a capital of £50,000 to work a  
concession in Upper Burma.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carhill & Co.)  
inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship  
Co.'s steamer *Victoria*, which left Yokohama on  
the 17th ult., arrived at Tacoma on the 30th.

An Emergency meeting of Victoria Lodge, No.  
1025, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand  
Street, on Friday, the 7th instant, at 8.30 for  
9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially  
invited.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship  
*Empress of India* arrived at Shanghai at 4 a.m.  
on Saturday, and left again at 10 a.m. for the  
route for Vancouver, via Nagasaki, Kobe and  
Yokohama.

A REPORT of the football match played at the  
Happy Valley this afternoon between teams  
representing the Hongkong Football Club and  
the Hongkong Light Infantry respectively, will appear in our next issue.

As will be seen by our special correspondence  
from Tamsui, the American ship *Mary L. Stone*,  
homeward-bound from New York to Shanghai, is  
ashore on the north-east coast of Formosa,  
between San-hay and Kelaing, and is being  
attacked by a large force of Chinese. The  
Customs authorities at Kelaing for assistance,  
and the Chinese cruiser *Nan-chu* at once  
proceeded to the rescue.

The dramatic critic of the *Sydney Bulletin* says  
that the reason why our old friend Geo. C. Miln  
has not yet got to the foot-wall, is that he has  
been too busy with his boots on, was that  
Mrs. Miln (Constance Jordan) was a lady of rigid  
propriety, and wouldn't be dragged out in her  
stockings on any account. As to the idea of  
being dragged out in her bare feet, George never  
even dared to suggest such realism.

TACOMA papers received by the Northern  
Pacific Steamship Tacoma announce the death  
at Wooster, Ohio, on October 27th, of the Rev.  
Andrew P. Happer, D.D., LL.D., who for the  
long period of forty-four years laboured as a  
missionary in Canton. Dr. Happer was well  
known to most of the old residents of Hongkong  
and Canton, and the good work he did in the  
latter city will remain an imperishable monument  
to his memory.

LONG service and good conduct medals have  
been awarded to the following Petty Officers  
and men serving in the British Far Eastern  
Squadron:—John Stubbs 1st class petty officer,  
Canton; G. Vabsey, leading stoker, and  
B. G. Hughes, acting chief armourer. *Victor*  
*Emmanuel*, John Lacey, able seaman, *Undaunted*;  
W. H. Stuck, 1st class leading stoker, *Ex*;  
George Hughes, leading seaman, and Thomas  
Seymour, engine-room artificer, *Plum*; W. I.  
Elphinstone, petty officer, *Albatross*; W. H.  
Laybourn, stoker, *Archer*; Daniel Mills, chief  
carpenter's mate, *Porpoise*; Harry Earl, acting  
chief stoker, and Francis Wright, and class  
stoker, *Rattler*; Charles White, stoker, *Spartan*.

THE supply of reporters, says the Editor of an  
American paper to an inquirer, is greater  
than the demand, but good men are rarely  
out of work long. To become a good reporter  
it is necessary to be able to write good  
English, and write rapidly. Good judgment  
is a necessity, and tact is an essential  
especially when interviewing persons. Accu-  
racy, or, at least, if you like, it is needed  
and a willingness to work at all hours and under  
all conditions is imperative. The best all-round  
reporters as a rule are not expert stenographers,  
but the latter are in demand when Parliament  
and the Legislature is in session. I would not  
advise you to become a reporter, at first climb  
higher than climbing after news, for \$10 to  
\$15 per week.

Capt. Webb, of the steamer *Chang Chew*, on  
arriving at Singapore on the 22nd ult., reported  
having sighted a large two-masted steamer  
sailing on the N.W. shoal of the Paracels on  
November 17th at 2.30 p.m. She had apparently  
been abandoned, as no signals were flying, and  
the sea was breaking over her. What Capt.  
Webb sighted was the steamer *Chang Chew*,  
which was the "King Sit" line, which ran  
between Hongkong and Canton, and was  
abandoned about two months ago. It is, however,  
interesting to know the condition in which the  
derelict was when passed by the *Chang Chew* eleven days ago, as  
we understand that a plan of campaign was actually  
under consideration in this colony to attempt to  
salvage for the benefit of the Insurance Companies  
interested in the valuable cargo on board the  
vessel when she struck—or what may have been  
left of it by Chinese wreckers.

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At a special parade of the Garrison troops at 11  
a.m. on Wednesday, His Excellency the Governor  
will convey to the military the thanks of the  
community for their service during the recent  
epidemic of bubonic plague.

SOME burglars attempted to get into Messrs  
Siemens and Co.'s office on the Praya last Saturday  
evening, but being disturbed while at their  
delicious "pickings" they decamped and, of course,  
have never been seen or heard of since.

The celebrated Baring estate, we read in the  
*Bankers' Monthly*, is approaching final liquidation.  
At one time the liabilities were largely  
over \$100,000,000; now they are but \$12,500,000.  
With the improvement in all assets the world  
over, the Bank of England has been long  
time to close out the collateral they hold. A  
large surplus is expected. In history this will  
stand as the greatest financial exploit ever  
accomplished in business.

DURING the course of some unimportant Chinese  
bankruptcy proceedings in the Supreme Court  
to-day the curious fact was brought to light by  
Mr. C. D. Wilkinson that in 1862 Mr. C. F. A.  
Sanger was appointed Official Receiver and  
that notwithstanding the subsequent appoint-  
ment of Mr. Bruce Shepherd—who was then  
absent owing to ill health—to fill that important  
post, the nomination of Mr. Sanger, who was  
now acting for the latter, had never been can-  
celled! Mr. E. J. Aikroyd, Acting Chief Justice,  
thereupon made the usual order.

MR. BLANEY, manager of the Paofoa Co.,  
has wired to the Secretary of the Com-  
pany in this colony as follows:—"Have I  
the gold, will you; are three feet in it. Have  
not yet got to the foot-wall. The gold runs north  
and south. Think it is worth one ounce per  
ton. Consider it of great importance." The  
*Hongkong Telegraph* cordially agrees that such  
valuable information is of "great importance,"  
but not exactly in the direction intended to be  
indicated by Mr. Blaney's extremely ambigu-  
ous telegram. More on this subject anon.

Two fires broke out in the Colony last Saturday  
night and were actually reported in the *Daily*  
*Press* to-day. One of the fires occurred in  
a foreign goods store in Queen's Road Central,  
\$10,000 of goods being destroyed. In the  
space of an hour and a half, Messrs. Meyer  
& Co. and Carlows & Co. are the interested  
parties in the insurance line. The other fire  
was in Hollywood Road, a tailor's shop, with  
contents valued at \$1,500, vanishing like  
"smoke in about twenty minutes. But for the  
promptitude of the Fire Brigade and the abun-  
dant supply of water in the mains, both of these fires  
would undoubtedly have spread considerably.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr.  
Hastings, four Chinamen, who were arrested  
yesterday morning on warrants issued at the  
instance of the Viceroy of Canton, in a house  
in Woe-on Lane, in this colony, were charged,  
with burglary, murder and kidnapping at Pako  
Wai-chow district, Kwangtung province, on the  
20th October. On the application of Messrs.  
Quincy, a remand was granted until the 23rd  
inst. The question of bail was refused. The  
prisoners, etc. The case, of course, will naturally  
arise to the question whether a magistrate is  
justified in impounding any person or  
remanding any case without some evidence to  
identify such person with the offence charged.

THE prisoner was before the bar of justice in  
Detroit for having been before the bar too long.  
"What were you doing drunk on the street?"  
asked the judge.

"Was I drunk, Judge?" was the reply, in a  
tone of surprised innocence.

"The arresting officer says you were."  
"Perhaps he's right, Judge, but I was just  
going along with a bladder in my hand."

"Did you call that a bladder?" he inquired.  
"That what you were carrying along in your  
hand."

"The prisoner picked it up carefully, removed  
the stopper, took a small and turned it upside  
down. It was as dry as he was."

"Well, Judge," he answered slowly, "it ain't  
a bladder now, since then officers has had a  
whack at it."

"Probably you are sober now and are sober  
differently."

"That ain't it, Judge. It was a bladder when  
I had it."

"Possibly you can explain what you mean  
by a bladder," suggested the puzzled Court.

"Easy enough, Judge," smiled the prisoner.  
"It had got or so rotten in it when they got  
it, and the quality of the







